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The Honorable Les Aspin The Secretary of Defense

Attention:

DOD Office of the Inspector General Director for GAO Surveys and Reviews

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to inform you that the General Accounting Office is initiating a review of the issues involved in cleaning up environmental contamination caused by contractors on government owned property. Our objectives are to (1) determine the extent of environmental damage and estimated cost of cleanup; (2) identify the laws, regulations, and policies that impact on the cleanup efforts and payment for the work; and, (3) determine if the existing guidance results in a fair and reasonable sharing of cost between the contractors and DOD. This work is being done at the request of the Chairman, House Committee on Government Operations. Our work, scheduled to begin in July 1993, will be conducted under assignment code 709028.

This assignment has been coordinated with Peggy Wright.

If you have any questions about this assignment, please call John Henderson, Assistant Director, at (202) 512-4160 or Glenn Furbish at (202) 512-8439.

Sincerely yours,

Donna M. Heivilin, Director

Defense Management and NASA Issues

Navy Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) Facilities

NAVSEA

Drydock and Repair Facility, San Juan, PR (LANT)
Naval Industrial Reserve Ordnance Plant (NIROP) Bedford, MA (NORTH)
NIROP, Minneapolis, MN (NPL installation) (SOUTH)
NIROP, Pittsfield, MA (NORTH)
NIROP, Pomona, CA (SOUTHWEST)
NIROP, Rochester, NY (NORTH)
NIROP, Rocket Center, WV (Allegheny Ballistics Laboratory, proposed NPL) (LANT)
NIROP, St Paul, MN (NORTH)
Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant (NWIRP), Bristol, TN (SOUTH)
NWIRP, Bedford, MA (NORTH)

SSP

NIROP, Magna, UT (WEST) NIROP, Sacramento, CA (WEST) NIROP, Sunnyvale, CA (WEST)

NAVAIR

NWIRP, Bethpage, NY (NORTH)
NWIRP, Bloomfield, CT (NORTH)
NWIRP, Calverton, NY (NORTH)
NWIRP, Dallas, TX (SOUTH)
NWIRP, McGregor, TX (SOUTH)
NWIRP, St Louis, MO (SOUTH)
NWIRP, Toledo, OH (SOUTH)